

Title 22. If any election is held prior to the effective date of this Act for the purposes herein authorized, the county is authorized to proceed with the issuance of such bonds in the manner herein provided.

Sec. 2. The fact that the large counties of this state are in urgent need of this legislation in order to proceed promptly with the construction of courthouses and office buildings creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read in each House on three several days be suspended, and said Rule is hereby suspended; and that this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate, April 27, 1961: Yeas 30, Nays 0; May 23, 1961, Senate concurred in House amendment: Yeas 28, Nays 0; passed the

House, May 18, 1961, with amendment: Yeas 146, Nays 1.

Approved June 17, 1961.

Effective June 17, 1961.

BOARD OF WATER ENGINEERS—REPORTS ON WATER-BEARING FORMATIONS

CHAPTER 443

S. B. No. 444

An Act amending Section 1 of Chapter 37, Acts of the 41st Legislature, Second Called Session, 1929 (codified as Article 7537a, Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes of Texas), to authorize the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, to make studies and investigations of and reports on water-bearing formations and the sources, amount and quality of the underground water supply in Texas and on feasible methods to conserve, preserve, improve the quality of and supplement said supply; providing for exploration and investigation by coring or other mechanical or electrical means or by contracting therefor; providing severability; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 1 of Chapter 37, Acts of the 41st Legislature, Second Called Session, 1929 (codified as Article 7537a, Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes of Texas), be and the same is hereby amended ⁸⁵ so as to hereafter read as follows:

"Art. 7537a

"The Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas is authorized and empowered to make and have made studies and investigations of and reports on the physical characteristics of water-bearing formations and the sources, occurrence, quantity and quality of the underground water supply of the State of Texas, together with studies and investigations of and reports on feasible methods to conserve, preserve, improve the quality of and supplement said supply. Such work shall be first undertaken by said Board in the territories where, in their judgment, the greatest need therefor exists, and in determining said need, said Board shall look to the interest and welfare of domestic and municipal uses, commercial uses, irrigation uses and all other beneficial uses which, in their judgment, are essential to the general welfare of the state. Such work

85. Vernon's Ann.Civ.St. art. 7537a.

may include investigation and exploration of water-bearing formations by coring or other mechanical or electrical means or by contracting therefor when the area to be investigated has an influence on water resources which is more than local in character; provided that nothing herein shall be construed to authorize the Board to drill wells or contract for wells to be drilled for the purpose of supplying water, and drilling for such purposes is hereby expressly prohibited."

Sec. 2. If any provision of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the Act and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Sec. 3. The public importance and urgency of this legislation in expediting the development and conservation of the underground waters of this state and the need for clarifying the existing law create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each House be suspended, and said Rule is hereby suspended; and that this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate, May 11, 1961: Yeas 29, Nays 0; passed the House, May 25, 1961, by a non-record vote.

Approved June 17, 1961.

Effective 90 days after May 29, 1961, date of adjournment.

TARRANT COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT—FILING AND DOCKETING OF CASES

CHAPTER 444

S. B. No. 447

An Act to amend Section 13 of Senate Bill No. 264, Acts of the 57th Legislature, Regular Session, 1961, relating to the filing and docketing of cases in the County Criminal Court of Tarrant County and County Criminal Court No. 1 of Tarrant County; the transferring of cases and authorizing an acting Judge in certain instances; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 13 of Senate Bill No. 264, Acts of the 57th Legislature, Regular Session, 1961, be amended ⁸⁶ to read as follows:

"Sec. 13. After this Act shall become effective, the Judge of the County Criminal Court of Tarrant County and the Judge of the County Criminal Court No. 1 of Tarrant County shall together with the clerk of said courts, make a just and fair division of the cases pending on the docket of the County Criminal Court of Tarrant County, and after such division is made the clerk of the County Criminal Court of Tarrant County shall transfer to the docket of the County Criminal Court No. 1 of Tarrant County all cases allotted to said County Criminal Court No. 1 of Tarrant County in the division so made by said Judges and the County Clerk shall retain the remaining cases on the docket of the County Criminal Court of Tarrant County. For the balance of the month in which the County Criminal Court No. 1 of Tarrant County is

86. Vernon's Ann.Civ.St. art. 1970—62b.